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EPA: Tests find water in Pa. town safe despite natural gas drilling

Tests conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency found that drinking water in Dimock, Pa., is safe, despite residents' claims that natural gas drilling in the area has polluted the town's aquifer, the agency said. There is no necessity to provide alternative drinking water sources and no need for further water tests, the EPA said. Such results mean that "we're now able to close this chapter once and for all," said Kathryn Klaber, president and executive director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition. The Washington Post/The Associated Press (7/25)

N.Y. fracking suit can't be filed against EPA, DOJ says

New York cannot file a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies over the impact of hydraulic fracturing on the state's water supply, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra Levy. The agencies have no jurisdiction over the Delaware River Basin Commission, which regulates natural gas drilling in the region, Levy told a federal court in Brooklyn. "The federal defendants didn't cause the rules to be proposed and can't stop them from being issued," Levy said. Bloomberg

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